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# REQUEST FOR

## CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/696,982
Filing Date	October 27, 2000
First Named Inventor	Bringhurst <i>et al.</i>
Group Art Unit	1646
Examiner Name	Ulm, J.
Attorney Docket Number	0609.4430001/LBB/ JAH

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

### 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- ☒ Previously submitted
  - ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on October 21, 2002.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Enclosed
  - ☒ Preliminary Amendment/Reply
  - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2. Miscellaneous

- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-0036
  - ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
  - ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
  - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$1030.00 enclosed
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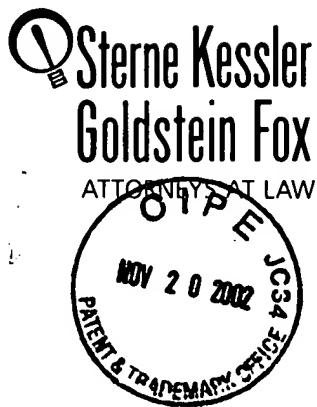
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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/696,982; Filed: October 27, 2000  
For: **Screening Assays for G Protein Coupled  
Receptor Agonists and Antagonists**  
Inventors: Bringhurst *et al.*  
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1. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
3. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (PTO/SB/30);
4. Preliminary Amendment;
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6. Return postcard.

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